

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A drain panel assembly adapted to control water leaking through a basement wall and/or entering a basement through the interface of a basement wall and a supporting footing, said assembly comprising a plastic drain panel having an upper panel section which extends vertically up from a lower skirt section, adjacent the basement wall and closely-spaced therefrom by a means of spacer-means integral with a rear surface of the upper panel section to admit water running down the basement wall into the lower skirt section, said lower skirt section having a substantially continuous wall portion extending substantially continuously ~~[[along]]~~ in a direction of the length of the footing, the substantially continuous wall portion extending outwardly from said upper panel section away from said wall and downwardly ~~[[into]]~~ substantially ~~[[continuous]]~~ continuously along the length of the skirt and terminating in a wall edge in contact with the supporting footing section, so that an outer surface of the skirt section generally faces away from the upper panel section, to form a longitudinal water conduit extending along the length of the footing and open to the wall/footing interface to receive water therefrom, said water conduit being provided with a plurality of spaced drain openings for draining water therefrom outwardly over the adjacent footing surface into a drain tile.

2. (previously presented) A drain panel assembly according to claim 1 in which said lower skirt section is provided with a cover means for shielding each of said drain openings and the adjacent footing surfaces against being sealed when a concrete basement floor is poured thereover.

3. (previously presented) A drain panel assembly according to claim 2 in which each said cover means comprises a plurality of spaced narrow shield strips of molded plastic which are contoured to provide a water-flow passage between its underside and the surface of the footing, which passage communicates between one of the drain openings and the edge of the footing.

4. (previously presented) A drain panel assembly according to claim 3 in which each said shield strip is molded with a plurality of spaced depressions which extend down into contact with the surface of the footing and provide therebetween said water-flow passage, said depressions providing concrete-receiving wells which fill with concrete and support a basement floor against the footing when the floor is poured thereover.

5. (previously presented) A drain panel assembly according to claim 2 in which each said cover means comprises a shield strip of molded plastic having stand-off ribs which support the strip on the footing surface with the underside of the strip spaced therefrom to provide a flow space between a drain opening and the edge of the footing.

6. (previously presented) The drain panel assembly according to claim 1, wherein the longitudinal water conduit extending along the length of the footing and open to the wall/footing interface is continuous without obstruction to flow of water along the length of the footing.